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SUBJ: UNRWA FINAINCING

REF: TEL AVIV 5853, STATE 203861

1. DURING CALL ON ALLON ON ANOTHER SUBJECT AUGUST 30, I RAISED AGAIN THE MATTER OF ISRAELI ASSISTANCE IN FINDING SOME IMMEDIATE RELIEF FOR UNRWA. ALLON HAD STAFF PAPER WHICH HE USED TO POINT OUT THAT DURING 1975-76 BUDGETARY YEAR, ISRAEL PROVIDED UNRWA WITH \$12.3 MILLION IN DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS. (THIS COMPARES WITH 8.51 MILLION FROM EGYPT, 5.789 MILLION FROM SYRIA, 7.310 MILLION FROM LEBANON AND 23 MILLION FROM JORDAN; THESE ARE UNRWA FIGURES.) THESE ISRAELI CONTRIBUTIONS ARE MADE DIRECTLY TO UNRWA BUDGET AND ARE SEPARATE FROM GOI EXPENDITURES FOR EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES, HOUSING AND ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES IN ITS ADMINISTRATION OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

2. ALLON ADMITTED THAT \$1.5 MILLION IS NOT MUCH IN TODAY'S WORLD BUT EVERY ISRAELI MINISTRY IS BEING CUT BACK AND HE SIMPLY DOES NOT HAVE THE MONEY IN HIS BUDGET TO HELP US. HE CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT HE HOPED WE WOULD UNDERSTAND HIS POSITION. I REPLIED THAT I COULD SYMPATHIZE WITH ISRAELI PLIGHT BUT MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT IF UNRWA DOES NOT GET EXTRA FUNDS, IT WILL HAVE TO CLOSE DOWN ITS OPERATIONS. I WAS SURE MINISTER, WOULD AGREE THAT NONE
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OF US WANTS THIS TO HAPPEN. IN ANY CASE, I WOULD REPORT THE GOI

INABILITY TO FUND ANY RELIEF.

3. COMMENT: I'M NOT SURE THAT ISRAEL UNDERSTANDS THAT, AS I
READ STATE 203861, IT IS OUR INTENTION TO DEDUCT 1.5 MILLION FROM
AID ALLOCATION EVEN WITHOUT ISRAELI CONSENT. I DO HOPE WE CAN
UNCOVER OTHER MEANS OF FUNDING UNRWA, SINCE I FEEL STRONGLY THAT
DEVICE
WE ENVISAGE IS UNDIGNIFIED, IF NOT IMPROPER WAY FOR A MAJOR POWER
TO PROCEED.
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